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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application No.	09/987,932	
	Filing Date	November 16, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Kirkbride, et al	
	Group Art Unit	1764	
	Examiner Name	J. Leung	
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b. ☒ Enclosed

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. Other: Petition & Fee for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

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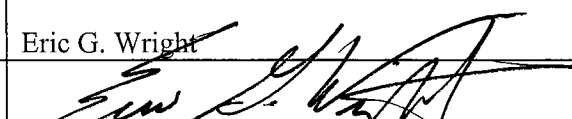
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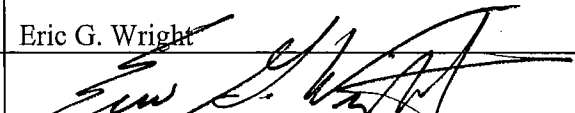
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